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SUBJECT: YARG POSITION ON CURRENT MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

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1. AMBASSADORS OF SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS
RESIDENT IN SANA (FRANCE, UK, USSR AND US) WERE
SUMMONED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MORNING DEC 17
TO BE GIVEN TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE (BEING SENT BY
SEPTTEL) WHICH SPELLED OUT YARG'S POSITION AND VIEWS
ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, INCLUDING REQUEST FOR MAJOR
POWER SUPPORT FOR UN-SPONSORED MEETING TO BE HELD
UNDER AUSPICES OF SECRETARY GENERAL AFTER CAIRO MEETING
TO WHICH ALL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING PLO, WOULD
BE INVITED. IN SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS, YAR
FOREIGN OFFICE CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION, AHMAD
HAIDAR, POINTED OUT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING
THAT WHILE YEMEN DOES NOT OPPOSE SADAT'S RECENT
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INITIATIVES, IT ALSO HOPES THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE
MADE BY THE ARAB STATES TO COME UP WITH A "COMMON
POSITION" WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A "JUST AND COMPRE-
HENSIVE
JB MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

2. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH AMBASSADORS OF MAJOR

POWERS, FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO INVITED AMBASSADORS OF ALL ARAB STATES. MEETING APPARENTLY WAS STORMY ONE IN WHICH AMBASSADORS OF LIBY, SYRIA AND IRAQ STATED THAT YEMENI POSITION AS SPELLED OUT IN MEMOIRE WAS "UNACCEPTABLE." SUDANESE AMBASSADOR THEN CAME TO DEFENSE OF YEMEN FOREIGN MINISTER OFFICIAL WHO WAS LITERALLY SPEECHLESS, WHILE ARAB AMBASSADORS ENGAGED IN HEATED VERBAL DEBAT.

3. LATER SAME DAY, MINISTER OF STATE, AHMAD ABDU SAID TOLD ME THAT YEMEN BASICALLY SUPPORTS PRESIDENT SADAT BUT CANNOT PUBLICLY SAY SO. AT SAME TIME, YEMEN ALSO WISHES TO PLAY A MEDIATING ROLE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BETWEEN ARAB STATES. SAID NOTED THAT YEMEN COULD HARDLY DO OTHERWISE AT THIS TIME, GIVEN ITS INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES.

4. COMMENT: YEMEN'S PUBLIC POSITION HAS SHIFTED PERCEPTIBLY SINCE EARLIER STATEMENT ON NOVEMBER 25 (SEE REFTTEL) WHICH, WHILE BLAND, DID CARRY AN IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF SADAT. IT APPEARS THAT YEMEN'S POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR SADAT HAS BEEN PRIMARILY INSPIRED BY PRESIDENT GHASHMI OVER SOME INITIAL RELUCTANCE OF ASNAJ, WHO HAS BEEN CONCERNED THAT YEMEN NOT GET TOO EXPOSED

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BUT WHO HAS BEEN FAITHFULLY SUPPORTING GHASHMI IN THIS PRO-SADAT POLICY SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

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